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For: RUNFLAT TIRE HAVING A	)	
RUBBERIZED INSERT CONTAINING	)	
1,6-BIS(N,N'-	)	
DIBENZYLTHIOCARBAMOYLDITHIO)-	)	
HEXANE	)	

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## <u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u> <u>PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. SECTIONS 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98</u>

Dear Sir:

The material listed on accompanying PTO Form-1449 is cited in compliance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98. As to any materials supplied, Applicants do not admit that it is "prior art" under 35 U.S.C. Sections 102 and 103 and specifically reserve the right to antedate such material, as by a showing under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.131 or other method. The pertinence of each cited reference is briefly discussed below.

A Bayer product brochure entitled "Vulcuran® Trial Product KA 9188" discloses the use of 1,6-bis(N,N'-dibenzylthiocarbamoyldithio)-hexane as a crosslink.

Applicants submit that none of the above cited references derogates from the patentability of the invention described and claimed in the subject patent application.

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